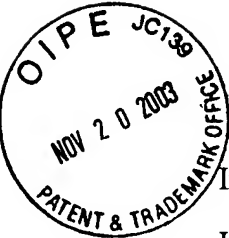


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

HIROSHI OHKURA ET AL.

Div. of Application No.: 10/609,421

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Commissioner for Patents  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/396,397	03/26/03	2812

A copy of this Application is enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found, inter alia, where cited in the specification of the enclosed Application No.

10/396,397 and/or in the English language abstracts attached thereto. Also, the concise

explanation of relevance for JP 10-121292 may be found in U.S. Patent No. 6,139,713, which is in the same family as and JP 10-121292 and which is already of record in the subject application.

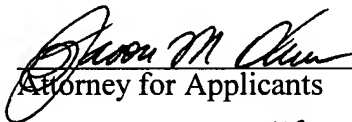
As a formal matter, Applicants would like to point out that the concise explanation of relevance for JP 7-171984, and not for JP 11-200090 as mentioned in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 1, 2003, may be found in the English translation, which was provided in the parent application.

#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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